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SUBJ: UN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY MEETING IN TANZANIA

ON REPORTED MOZAMBIQUE MASSACRES

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1808

1. VARIETY OF WITNESSES ARE CONTINUING TO RELATE
COMBINATION OF HORROR STORIES AND EFFECTS OF WAR BEFORE
UN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO REPORTED MASSACRES IN
MOZAMBIQUE. BULGARIAN DOCTOR AND MEDICAL AIDE AT
FREIMO HOSPITAL IN MTWARA, TANZANIA, HAVE CLAIMED
"CHOLERA EPIDEMIC" IN TETE AND MANICA E SOFALA LATE
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LAST YEAR WAS IN FACT INSTANCE OF WELL POISONING BY

PORTUGUESE AGENTS (DETAILS FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM).

2. POSITION OF PORTUGAL VIS-A-VIS COMMISSION IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING. LATE LAST YEAR UNGA ASKED PORTUGAL TO COOPERATE WITH COMMISSION AND GRANT IT ALL NECESSARY FACILITIES TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE. COMMISSION RECEIVED FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PORTUGAL ON MAY 31: "MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ABSENT IN LONDON HAS INSTRUCTED THE MINISTRY TO CONSULT WITH DEFENSE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN NECESSARY COOPERATION AND FACILITIES TO ENABLE THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE." COMMISSION CHAIRMAN UPADHYAY (NEPAL) RESPONDED, "THIS IS FIRST FORMAL REPLY BY PORTUGAL TO COMMISSION. SINCE PREVIOUS REGIME HAD TERMED COMMISSION AN ILLEGAL BODY, OBVIOUSLY THIS CABLE REPRESENTS A STEP FORWARD."

3. HONDURAN MEMBER (MARTINEZ-ORDONEZ) OF COMMISSION EXPLAINED TO EMBOFF JUNE 5 THAT ALTHOUGH NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT HAS RECOGNIZED EXISTENCE AND ROLE OF COMMISSION, IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR WHAT KIND OF COOPERATION PORTUGAL IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE. COMMISSION WILL NOT VISIT MOZAMBIQUE WITHOUT COOPERATION OF PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES. IN ANY EVENT, HE THOUGHT COMMISSION COULD OBTAIN MOST OF INFORMATION IT NEEDS BY HEARING WITNESSES FROM MOZAMBIQUE IN DAR ES SALAAM. MARTINEZ-ORDONEZ THOUGHT, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE TO ADVANTAGE OF NEW REGIME TO COOPERATE AS IT COULD THEN BLAME ANY WRONG-DOING ON PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT.
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